

Washington, DC (Feb. 1, 2013)—On Tuesday, February 5, 2013, Reps. Patrick Meehan (R-Pennsylvania), Carolyn Maloney (D-New York), Scott Rigell (R-Virginia), and Elijah Cummings (D-Maryland) will hold a press conference to announce the introduction of the first bipartisan bill in the House of Representatives during this Congress to make firearms trafficking a federal crime and impose stronger penalties for “straw purchasers” who buy guns for convicted felons and others who are prohibited from buying guns on their own.

The Gun Trafficking Prevention Act of 2013 will directly address concerns raised by law enforcement officials who have testified before Congress that a dedicated firearms trafficking statute would help them combat the flow of thousands of firearms to violent criminals, international drug cartels, and a host of other dangerous people. This proposal was included in recommendations made by President Obama and Vice President Biden on January 16, 2013, for legislative action to prevent gun violence.

**WHO:** Reps. Patrick Meehan, Carolyn Maloney, Scott Rigell, and Elijah Cummings, and law enforcement groups

**WHAT:** Press Conference Introducing New Bipartisan House Legislation to Combat Gun Trafficking

**WHEN:** 2pm on Tuesday, February 5

**WHERE:** HVC - 215

**CALL-IN NUMBER:** Conference Dial-in Number: (605) 475-4700  
Participant Access Code: 595901#